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Charges Dismissed

CHICAGO — Charges against five Black Panther Party members and two women arrested in an FBI raid on the group's headquarters were dismissed by U.S. Commissioner James T. Balog.

The five were arrested June 3 on charges of harboring a Federal fugitive, George Sams Jr., who is charged in a Federal warrant with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution on a charge of murder in New Haven, Conn.

Sams was not found by the 35 raiders, who were armed with machine guns and tear gas. The agents said they confiscated weapons and party files.